

Ellie's Easter Discovery: A Story of New Beginnings

Learning objective: To develop reading comprehension skills by identifying key themes and vocabulary within a narrative text.

Read the story below carefully. Think about how the characters feel and what the symbols in the story represent. Answer the questions in full sentences.

Ellie the elephant walked through the sunlit meadow, her trunk swaying gently. It was the time of year when the world felt fresh and new. She met Pip the caterpillar, who was busy munching on a leaf near a budding flower. 'Look, Ellie!' Pip chirped. 'The flowers are beginning to blossom, and the air feels warm. It is the perfect time for our spring tradition.' Ellie nodded, remembering the stories she kept in her memory. She knew that for many people, this time of year was about hope and new life. She had seen families painting eggs with bright colours, a tradition that helped symbolise the return of spring after the cold winter. 'It is a time for reflection,' Ellie said softly. 'A time to be kind and to think about how we can help others grow, just like these flowers.' Together, they watched as the sun set, thankful for the warmth and the promise of a bright season ahead.

Word bank: tradition · symbolise · renewal · reflection · courage · blossom

1. According to the text, why do people paint eggs with bright colours at this time of year? (2 marks)

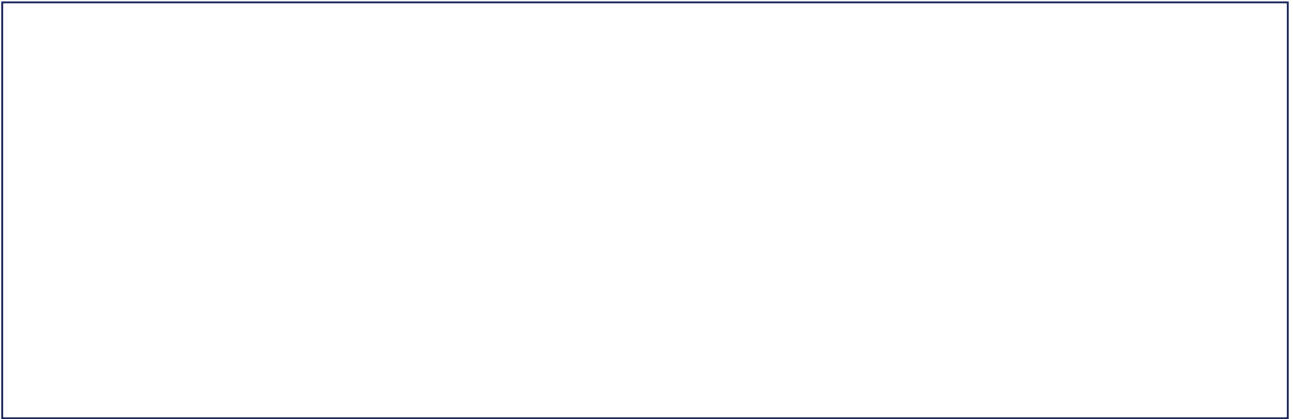
2. How does Ellie describe the purpose of this time of year in her own words? (2 marks)

3. What does the word 'blossom' suggest about the season mentioned in the story? (2 marks)

4. Why do you think the author chose to include Pip the caterpillar in this story about spring? (2 marks)

5. Find and copy one word from the text that means the same as 'to represent'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of the meadow where Ellie and Pip are standing. Include at least three signs of spring mentioned in the text.



Extension challenge: Write a short poem of four lines about what spring feels like to you. Try to use at least two words from the word bank in your poem.